

1. A meeting of the GFWD Board was opened in person and telephonically on November 13, 2023 at 1:30 PM.

PRESENT: In person: Michael Naito, Seth Kirk, Nick Davis, Diane Kirk, and Don Roberts
Call in: Paul Stewart

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC: None

CLOSED SESSION: President S Kirk closed the Public Meeting and the Board went into Executive Session at 1:32 PM.

OPEN SESSION: At 2:00 PM the Board reconvened in Regular Session with the following in attendance:

PRESENT: In person: Michael Naito, Seth Kirk, Nick Davis, Diane Kirk, and Don Roberts
Call-in: Paul Stewart, Tom Campagne; Garth Pecchenino - QK Consulting

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC: Call-in: Stephen Dota

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION: S Kirk stated no reportable action took place in the Closed Session.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by N Davie and a second by M Naito, the minutes of the regular meeting of October 23, 2023 were unanimously approved as emailed.

4. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: No potential conflicts were identified.

5. GSA/GSP (SGMA): Don reported that Seth, Garth and he met with Roy Catania, Manager of Aliso Water District along with two representatives from P&P Consulting to discuss options of possible modifications to the GFWD system to convey water thru the District's system to Aliso. GF provided information on project modification cost estimates that would allow additional flows thru the GF system. Advised Aliso that any conveyance agreement including improvements would have to work for both Districts and not have any adverse impact to GFWD growers or operations. Aliso will review the information and evaluate options prior to any future discussions.

Tom Campagne and Stephen Dota called in to join the meeting a 2:07 PM.

Garth reported DWR plans to have an opinion letter to the Madera Subbasin at year's end.

Garth reported the fall well measurements have been completed and after compiling the information, it will be provided to the Board for landowners whose wells have been measured.

Garth also advised that some of the GSA's in the Madera Basin have reported water was used for recharge and use by landowners. The big question is what time period is being used. By contract the Bureau water in Jan and Feb is 2022 Water Year water. DWR is now using Oct 1 - Sep 30 and 2023 Water Year even though water is still in the creeks and rivers. The GF GSP uses the calendar year. Garth is going to follow up with our POC to see what water goes in what category and time period.

6. WATER SUPPLY: Don is still working on CWC flow data. Need to get SJ River diversion information from the Emmert annexation for Garth to include in the reporting. The Davis' purchased water from MID this year for their recharge to property in the "White Area". GF gave permission to use the District pipeline with the understanding GF would claim any water that came into the District for beneficial use. Still waiting on numbers from Davis. Don advised the Board, GF did not charge Davis for water placed on their property in GF as no other landowners had access to the water.
7. SYSTEM MAINTENANCE: Mathews cleared the canals of trees and trash. They did an excellent job. Still working on the leak issue with Cal-West.
8. MADERA REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP: Don advised the October meeting was the same day as the GF Board meeting. No minutes of the meeting were received. Next meeting will be a Dec 3rd zoom meeting.
9. ANNEXATION REQUEST: No action taken. Board requested Garth to look at option of annexation of lands within existing Sphere of Influence and what are the pluses and minuses.
10. PROP "218": Garth working on projected dollar amounts for the three areas previously discussed - Water Purchases, Maintenance & Costs, and Local Share for any Grant Projects. Tom recommended the proposal needs to have flexibility on where money is spent. District needs to be able to use it where the immediate need is. Also looking at 5 years for the time period. Don mentioned the General Assessment of \$5/acre ft has not been changed in over 40 years and maybe this should be looked at also.
11. FINANCIAL REPORT: The Board was presented with a summary of the November 13 2023 bills, the November 13, 2023 summary of the District's Temporary Investments and the November 2023 Income & Expenses for the year, along with the monthly totals of Temporary Investments for 2021, 2022 and 2023. On a motion by M Naito and a second by N Davis, the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of the November bills in the amount of \$30,836.25.
12. CORRESPONDENCE & MANAGER'S REPORT: Don advised he received a request for Board minutes from a "graduate student" working on a project for the period November 2018 through August 2019. These were not on the web site as it did not go into operation until after this period. Don provided the minutes as requested.
13. BOARD COMMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: There was a conflict with the December 18th date for next month's Board meeting. The Board selected December 11th for the meeting date.
14. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting declared adjourned at 2:50 PM.
Next scheduled meeting is changed to December 11, 2023 at 1:30 P.M at O'Neill Farm Management Office. It is anticipated the meeting will be in person attendance with telephone call-in option.